

Surah 99 Surah Zilzaal

THE EARTHQUAKE

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH ZILZAAL AND SURAH BAYYINAH

Surah Bayyinah emphasizes the obstinacy and rebelliousness of the *Kuffaar*. Now, *Surah Zilzaal* warns the same *Kuffaar* about the punishment they stand to suffer.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The *Surah* describes how the earth will convulse in a tremendous earthquake when the trumpet is blown for the first time on the Day of *Qiyaamah*. The quake will be so severe that nothing on earth will survive. Even the mountains will be reduced to dust and the rivers and oceans will dry up.

سُورَةُ الزَّلْزَلَةِ وَهِيَ ثَلَاثُ آيَاتٍ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

إِذَا زُلْزِلَتِ الْأَرْضُ زِلْزَالَهَا ۝

1. When the earth shall quake most violently (*shake with a quake*)...

وَأَخْرَجَتِ الْأَرْضُ أَثْقَالَهَا ۝

2. ...when the earth will throw up loads of (*dead bodies and treasures*)...

وَقَالَ الْإِنْسَانُ مَا لَهَا ۝

3. ...and man will ask, "What is the matter with her (*Why is the earth doing this*)?"

يَوْمَئِذٍ تُحَدِّثُ أَخْبَارَهَا ۝

4. ...On that day she (*the earth*) will narrate her stories (*by giving evidence against people because she would have seen everything that had been done on her*)...

بِأَن رَّبَّكَ أَوْحَىٰ لَهَا ۝

5. ...(the earth will do this) because your Rabb will command (*instruct*) her to do so.

يَوْمَئِذٍ يَصْدُرُ النَّاسُ أَشْتَاتًا لِّیُرَوْا أَعْمَالَهُمْ ۝

6. On that day people will return (*to the Plain of Resurrection*) in different groups to witness (*the consequences of*) their actions. (They will therefore proceed either to Jannah or to Jahannam, depending on the group they are with.)

فَمَنْ یَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا یَّرَهُ ۝

7. (Then) Whoever has (*sincerely*) done an atom's weight of good will see it (*the consequences when he is rewarded for it*)...

وَمَنْ یَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا یَّرَهُ ۝

8. ...and whoever has done an atom's weight of evil (*without securing Allaah's forgiveness for it*) will see it (*the consequences when he is punished for it*).